

Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
May 1, 2018

April Highlights

- The south Reno wards of the LDS church got together on Saturday, April 14 for a large scale clean-up at Davis Creek Regional Park. Forty-four volunteers arrived with rakes in hand and produced over 100 bags of pine needles while sprucing up the North loop of the campground.
- The newest volunteers and graduates of the Arboretum's volunteer training program got together on Thursday the 12th for a one hour tour of the gardens led by Bill Carlos, spent two hours trimming grasses and deadheading in Labyrinth garden, and then celebrated class completion with certificates and a potluck luncheon. Many of the regular long-time volunteers also attended to help the newbies feel welcome.

April Volunteer Hours/Value:

Hours were higher in April 2017 due to large volunteer numbers during the Healthy Parks/Healthy People event, as well as hours from Earth Day events and the Arboretum Community Cleanup – both which had not happened yet at the time of this report.

	April 2018	April 2017	% Increase	Total for YTD 2018	Compared to YTD 2017	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	1,176.25	1,456	-19.2%	3550	5,652.10	-37.2%
# of Intern Hrs	146.5	208	-29.6%	259.5	690	-62.4%
Total \$\$\$ Value*	\$31,931.19	\$46,407.31	-31.2%	\$91,961.33	\$153,098.29	-39.9%

*The hourly rate of \$24.14 used for calculating the dollar value is based on the estimated national value of volunteer time as reported by www.independentsector.org.

Upcoming Events

- Starbucks has coordinated two work days to celebrate Earth Day later in April at both Bowers Mansion Regional Park and Galena Creek Regional Park. They have already spent an afternoon volunteering at Martin Luther King Jr. Park earlier in the year and intend to continue with regular volunteer days at various parks.
- The Americorp Arboretum Educator, Danielle Ornelas, has several community programs lined up where she will employ the help of Arboretum docent volunteers. She has done an exceptional job the last few months recruiting and utilizing docent volunteers. She will also be attending an Earth Day event at UNR with Parks Volunteer Coordinator Denise Evans to talk to students about how they can help the earth by volunteering with Washoe County.
- Washoe County Parks will have a table at the upcoming Washoe County Giving and Volunteering Committee's volunteer faire which will be held in May in the Atrium outside of commission chambers. The goal of the volunteer faire is to educate Washoe County employees and members of the general public on the many volunteer opportunities available through Washoe County.